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SUBJECT: N'DJAMENA EAC DISCUSSES INTRUDER INCIDENT

REF: A. RSO SPOT REPORT DATED JUNE 3

[1](#)B. 2007

Classified By: RSO Brad Markwald, reason 1.5c and 1.5g

[1](#)1. (SBU) On June 5, 2007 at 0830 hours the N,djamena EAC met to discuss the recent intruder penetration of the Embassy compound, counter-measures implemented and any new information. Those present were the Ambassador, DAO, RSO, MO, POL/MIL. The following information was discussed:

[1](#)2. (S) As reported on June 3rd in a DS SPOT report, at 1042 hours, as an Embassy motorpool vehicle was exiting the compound, A Chadian male, now identified as Mahamat Abdoulaye BABIKIR, DoB 19 April 1982, PoB N,djamena, quickly stepped through an open vehicle barrier and approached the main perimeter wall. He was immediately stopped by Embassy LGF members and Chadian Police. When asked he stated he was going to look at the job vacancy notice bulletin board that is mounted on the wall about 15 meters further down from the entrance. He was stopped but not physically detained. The vehicle then exited and as the main gate was closing he made a run for the open gate. LGF and Chadian Police grabbed him but he broke free and entered the Embassy compound through the closing gate. He ran about 15 yards then stopped when the local police threatened to shoot. He then complied with their orders and was arrested and taken outside the perimeter to the Embassy police sub-station located just outside the exit gate. He was transported to the local police station to be processed. Initial conversations with the subject revealed that he may be mentally disturbed. He made several facial gestures such as opening both eyes wide and moving slightly forward, trying to intimidate the police while in their custody. He stated, twice during the initial interviews that he had heard the Embassy had automatic gates and security devices to detect and stop &bad guys8 and video cameras. He wanted to test that information. He did not say from whom or where he heard that or if someone had tasked him to test the perimeter. His appearance is not consistent with other mentally disturbed individuals in Chad. He wore clean clothes, western shoes and appeared well groomed and fed.

[1](#)3. (S) On his person, the police located a Cameroonian phone number 2375698012 belonging to &Mr. Bilal8 and a cell phone charger. The suspect,s Chadian identification card (103-00141008-22) had been issued recently on Monday, May 28, [1](#)2007. Video of the incident can be seen on Camera 15 and 3, NDJAMENA-DVRA starting at 1041 and ending at 1043. Core members of the EAC were consulted and informed of the incident on June 3rd after the incident and advised of the situation. The US Embassy SD Supervisor (Djimmet ABBA)

recognized this phone number. It belongs to a subject with whom he is familiar. He left three years ago for Cameroon but was recently seen in N,Djamena. According to ABBA he had heard he returned in early May to spend his vacation in N,Djamena. ABBA stated Bilal told him he went to work at the Tunisian Consulate in Douala. More information will be obtained concerning Bilal,s identity and intentions by the SD Supervisor if possible.

14. (S) Initially, it was reported that a few minutes after the suspect was taken away, Surveillance Detection agents reported spotting a white Caucasian male filming the front of the Embassy with a handheld digital camera from the passenger side as he was driven by an African male in a white Toyota Hilux, Chadian license plate 18 C 5484 A. RSO interviews of the SD Agents revealed the filming occurred as the incident was still in progress. Although the subject was already in custody, video of the vehicle can be seen on Camera 13 from 11:34.44.32 to 11:34.49.93 and Camera 14 from 11:34.46.20 to 11:34.48.87 on the NDJAMENA-DVRA server. As the incident had distracted the SD agents they could not remember seeing the vehicle before or if it had parked down the street and filmed. Further video review from all cameras does not show or is not able to show the vehicle earlier than initially sighted by SD.

14. (SBU) Police checks with the license plate reported by SD came back to a 1990 Peugeot Pickup registered to Galmal SALAH, a customs official from Kelo (Southern Chad about 375km from N,djamena). The SD Agents involved were re-interviewed and were almost 100% sure they got the license plate correct. One agent spotted the vehicle and read of the license plate to the other as he wrote it down. They were absolutely sure the vehicle was not a Peugeot - definitely a Toyota Hilux. Further review of the video clearly shows the vehicle is a Toyota. RSO has requested assistance from DS/IP/AF to try and enhance the video to get a license plate. Any number of reasons exist to explain this - It,s possible the license plate was misread, covered in mud the plate was damaged and the numbers distorted or that it was simply reused or given away without re-registering) record keeping and filing is not consistent with Western standards and very often inaccurate or not computerized in Chad.

15. (SBU) RSO spoke the Director General for the Chadian National Police on June 5th. He assured RSO that he would cooperate fully. He stated his police forces were wholly dedicated to containing and preventing any protests that may occur this week due to teacher and government worker strikes. His government was concerned that the 1979 Civil War started in this manner and until they were sure nothing like that would occur again, he would be unable to assist in the investigation. RSO made an appointment with the police to discuss the investigation after the threat of protests and strikes is over on Friday, June 8, 2007. The suspect was still being held without possibility of release until his officers could properly investigate. He has not been charged with any criminal offense as of this date.

16. (S) SIMO at post has been working with the Chadian counterparts on this incident on this issue and have been coordinating their efforts. RSO will meet with SIMO and its Chadian counterparts on Thursday evening June 7, 2007 to present follow up questions, concerns and investigative strategy.

17. (S) After a review of the security procedures, RSO determined that the drop-arm barrier was raised too early and the sliding gate was closed too slowly. In addition, better communication between the outside perimeter LGF and the Post 3 Main Exit Gate LGF operator is needed. RSO went over entry and exit procedures with the MSG Detachment and LGF. A verbal &All Clear8 confirmation will be made between Post 3 and the Perimeter guards before the gate is opened. The local police officer who initially confronted the suspect is normally armed with an AK-47 assault rifle. He had apparently gotten up so fast to interdict the suspect he left his weapon behind with another officer, who maintain

possession. The commander of the Embassy garrison was informed of this fact and he will speak to his officers about weapon retention. The job vacancy bulletin board has been moved further down from the vehicle exit. Reaction and immediate containment of the intruder went according to established plans. MSG,s, LGF and Embassy assigned police responded rapidly and effectively in order to contain the intruder quickly.

18. (S) EAC concurred with RSO recommendations and the meeting concluded at 0855. When new information becomes available, RSO will update the EAC as appropriate.

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